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WASHINGTON, December 12, 1991 -- Carloadings originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended December 7 totaled 330,966, down 2.1 percent from the corresponding week of 1990 and up 23.2 percent from the preceding Thanksgiving holiday week, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads and 97 percent of rail intermodal loadings.

Carloadings originated were down 6.8 percent in the East and up 3.4 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1990 week, loadings of coal decreased by 11,095 cars (8.0 percent), loadings of grain rose by 3,452 cars (12.5 percent), and motor vehicles and equipment loadings increased by 1,866 cars (11.5 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 49 weeks of 1991 totaled 15,761,309, a decline of 4.8 percent from the comparable period of 1990.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- not included in the carloadings -- totaled 127,582 trailers and containers for the week ended December 7, up 0.5 percent from 1990.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 49 weeks of 1991 was 5,894,705 trailers and containers, 0.4 percent above the 1990 comparable total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended December 7 totaled 20.7 billion, down 1.0 percent from the corresponding week of 1990. Cumulative volume for the first 49 weeks of 1991 was an estimated 964.7 billion ton-miles, up 15.1 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 7, 1991

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 7, 1991	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1990	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	31,025	27,573	12.5 %	22,709	36.6 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	2,521	2,376	6.1	2,127	18.5
Metallic Ores	15,695	12,986	20.9	14,499	8.2
Coal	127,436	138,531	-8.0	103,546	23.1
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	11,906	13,532	-12.0	8,128	46.5
Nonmetallic Minerals	7,809	7,722	1.1	7,249	7.7
Grain Mill Products	10,868	10,196	6.6	8,841	22.9
Food & Kindred Products	9,469	9,624	-1.6	7,740	22.3
Primary Forest Products	9,353	9,690	-3.5	6,779	38.0
Lumber & Wood Products	5,305	5,226	1.5	4,632	14.5
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,302	10,373	-.7	10,139	1.6
Chemicals	28,930	28,545	1.3	24,139	19.8
Petroleum Products	5,288	4,891	8.1	3,985	32.7
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	8,271	8,924	-7.3	6,557	26.1
Coke	5,415	5,423	-.1	5,120	5.8
Metals & Products	8,724	10,504	-16.9	8,944	-2.5
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	18,119	16,253	11.5	12,155	49.1
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,045	8,245	-2.4	6,315	27.4
All Other Carloads	6,485	7,298	-11.1	5,021	29.2
Total	**330,966**	**337,912**	**-2.1 %**	**268,625**	**23.2 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 7, 1991 1991	1990	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 49 WEEKS ENDING DECEMBER 7, 1991 1991	1990	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	330,966	337,912	-2.1 %	15,761,309	16,562,240	-4.8 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	68,568	71,027	-3.5	3,031,975	3,266,810	-7.2
Containers	59,014	55,971	5.4	2,862,730	2,603,899	9.9
Total	127,582	126,998	.5	5,894,705	5,870,709	.4
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	20.7	20.9	-1.0 %	964.7	838.1	15.1 %

NOTE: Carloadings are estimated for: Week 49, 1991 - PS.

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